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Majority prices for next week's trading were trending mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the holiday weekend was light to fair for retail; food service was slow to fairly good, best into restaurants. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. Processing schedules were mixed with many plants down today or Monday in observance of the Easter holiday. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair with optimism for next following Easter and first of the month interest begins. Availability of all items was sufficient with white meat in a better balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/21/03-04/25/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	47.00-50.00	47.00-59.00	49.43	23
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	50.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-63.00	47.00-66.00	63.30	78

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
872	57.40-65.75	63.32

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	183.50	1,081
BREASTS - B/S	156.50	4,488
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50	1,289
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.00	828
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	7,956
WINGS	69.00	3,068

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MIDWEST Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were limited with several southern states producers closed for the holiday. Buyer interest was light. Retail demand was generally light, instances fair. Food service demand was mixed, slow to fairly good and best into restaurants. Floor stocks were adequate to occasionally ample. Weights were mostly desirable. Offerings on parts items were limited with fairly decent interest on wings, tenders and boneless/skinless breasts with trade noted as light overall. The market tone was mostly steady with white meat items undertone fully steady to firm and dark meat items undertone weak.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate with increased interest reported for post-Easter and upcoming first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were in good supply to closer balanced since many plants were down today or Monday for the holiday. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, but improved. Supplies of all items were in better shape and less available, but still obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate, at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN The preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last Friday. The market tone was generally steady with trading reported for next week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Some producers reduced slaughter schedules due to the holiday. Retail demand was moderate, best where features in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory week-end clearances. Trade sentiment was generally steady on parts.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Southern California – whole body 49-69, whole cut-up 139, marinated Cornish hen 199, cornish hen 169, cornish 12 count box 1499-1999, roaster 97-129, duck 199, boneless breast 149-298, boneless breast IQF 3# 599, boneless leg meat marinated 199, boneless leg meat 79-98, boneless leg meat 40# cast 2998, split breast 119-179, wing IQF 5# 499-695, wing 40# case 2999, leg quarter 10# bag 190-290, leg quarter 40# case 899, marinated leg quarter 89, thigh 47-99, drumstick 47-99, drumstick 5# bag 195, gizzard 129, (food service deli section - fried mixed 8 piece 399-499, 8 piece drumstick and thigh 299 and 16 piece drumstick and thigh 498);

Northern California – drumstick 89-99, thigh 99;

Colorado – roaster 99, Cornish hen 169, duck 149, boneless breast 199-349, boneless thigh 249, drumstick 89-99, thigh 89-99, (food service deli section – fried mixed 8 piece 499);

Arizona – cornish hen 169, boneless breast 269-459, breast tender 269, boneless thigh meat 249, split breast 98, drumstick 69, drumstick 4# IQF 99-132, thigh 69-89, thigh 4# IQF 99-132.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers was light to fair at best entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was light. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, supplies of all cuts remained adequate to balanced with current needs.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair. Most plants were either closed or reporting well cleared supplies entering the Holiday weekend. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were very light today as some operations were closed in observance of Passover. Further cutbacks were projected for Easter Monday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	51-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.64
NO. OF BOXES	9,643
CUMULATIVE	54.88
	04/14/03-04/18/03
	04/15/02-04/19/02
NO. OF BOXES	44,699
	04/14/03-04/18/03
	04/15/02-04/19/02
	46,555

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

APR 17

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 18

POUNDS					POUNDS				WEEKLY		
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	915	133.00-230.00	134-140	137.94	650	133.00-229.00	135-140	142.52	4,020	139.04	
TENDERLOINS	265	130.00-190.00	130-137	140.38	271	130.00-190.00	132-136	140.04	1,399	142.58	
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	82.00-89.00	82-84	83.78	TOO FEW TO REPORT				414	83.93	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				229	73.52	
LEGS	92	24.00-38.00	25-27	27.85	92	22.00-38.00	25-27	27.77	492	27.56	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	658	16.00-20.00	17-18	17.33	638	16.00-19.50	17-18	17.40	3,187	17.31	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,227	18.00-26.00	19-21	20.21	1,157	18.00-26.00	19-21	20.64	5,545	20.44	
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	45.00-70.00	-	66.90	282	45.00-70.00	-	66.90	1,230	66.44	
WINGS (CUT)	395	60.00-84.00	79-80	78.99	413	60.00-84.00	79-80	79.52	2,093	79.02	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				346	37.25	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				127	35.93	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				192	57.44	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR APR 17, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR APR 18, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.						
RANGE					RANGE					TODAY'S	
43.00 - 47.50					44.00 - 47.25					AVERAGE	
										5-DAY	
										AVERAGE	
										45.70	
										45.38	

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to fair as dealers attempted enter the holiday weekend as tightly balanced as possible. Offerings of breast items were adequate to balanced. Dark meat cuts and wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was limited. The market tone was steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

APR 17				APR 18				WEEKLY	
ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	145-150	148.76	502,320	BREAST - B/S	145-150	147.62	222,970	148.37	2,241,230
TENDERLOINS	125-130	133.79	126,440	TENDERLOINS	125-130	132.32	36,160	134.93	465,310
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	79.71	253,520	BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	83.10	90,800	83.02	927,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	79.49	119,760	BREAST - LINE RUN	78	79.00	36,000	80.09	474,440
LEGS	32-33	31.08	422,060	LEGS	32-33	32.37	104,040	31.36	1,466,060
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.23	282,671	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.60	300,245	21.17	1,857,932
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	29.89	116,620	DRUMSTICKS	23-24	30.87	74,870	29.70	537,380
THIGHS	22-23	34.12	59,390	THIGHS	22-23	33.67	42,820	32.49	292,044
B/S THIGHS	62-63	67.89	77,890	B/S THIGHS	62-63	62.40	30,880	66.54	359,020
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	64.98	203,290	WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	62.69	118,440	63.91	902,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.17	45,960	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	16,130	12.13	165,850
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.19	16,960	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.11	14,360	29.53	84,285
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	41.93	14,680	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.03	28,400	43.38	111,940

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	04/18	04/17	04/16	04/15	04/16	04/15	04/11	04/09	
ALA	3,024	3,865	3,845	3,999	5.13	5.21	3,849	5.16	
ARK	4,518	5,003	5,157	5,133	4.95	5.07	5,620	5.02	
DELMARVA	1,881	2,289	2,292	2,316	5.15	5.18	2,173	5.17	
KY-LA-TN	1,827	1,909	1,673	1,926	4.87	4.88	1,854	4.89	
MISS	2,193	2,930	2,613	2,727	5.58	5.41	2,527	5.32	
NC	1,413	2,495	2,251	2,659	6.25	6.06	2,162	6.03	
TEXAS	2,231	2,452	2,400	2,038	5.07	5.05	2,406	5.05	
TOTAL	17,087	20,943	20,231	20,520	5.24	5.25	20,591	5.21	

MON-FRI 100,614(A)

104,177(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Apr 03 and 19-Apr-03 is estimated to be 25,564,000 down 17.27 percent from a week ago and down 19.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,899,000; last year 31,769,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 19-Apr-03 is estimated to be 145,899,000 head down 4 percent from a week ago, and down 8 percent from a year ago (Last week 152,185,000 Last year 158,640,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-65
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-104
	ICE PACK	96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		155-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 05-Apr-03 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	23,614	25,770	39,318
Avg Weight	3.86	4.80	6.20
% of total /1	27%	29%	44%

COMPARISONS

Last week	33,617	26,598	49,199
Avg Weight	3.86	4.73	6.04
% of total /1	31%	24%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,598	23,328	43,621
Avg Weight	3.77	4.65	6.11
% of total /1	26%	26%	48%

To date/2003	336,030	308,260	594,138
To date/2002	424,961	327,782	655,700

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	152,185	1,955	1,221	3,176	405
AVG WT	5.17	3.44	8.00	5.19	6.73
LAST WEEK	156,255	1,801	1,347	3,148	422
SAME WK YR AGO	157,463	1,927	1,327	3,254	405
AVG WT	5.10	3.51	7.64	5.23	6.71
TO-DATE/2003	2,243,079	25,139	20,010	45,149	6,243
TO-DATE/2002	2,286,883	27,229	19,348	46,577	6,551

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier week 154.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154 million head or 0.3 million head less than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: APR 15, 2003

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.05 - 1.20	Geese	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 - 1.15	9-14 LBS	.62 - .66
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 6.00ea.	Pigeons	1.50 - 2.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.48 - .60	White Pigeons	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .76	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl		4-6 LBS	1.50 - 1.70
5-9 LBS	1.00 - 1.16	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roasters		6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.50
4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.12	Bunnies	2.00 - 12.00ea.
Crossbred Roasters		Guinea Pigs	7.00 - 11.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.64 - .92	Goats	21.00 - 27.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.55 - 1.85	Kid Goats	17.00 - 25.00ea.
Banty Roasters	3.25 - 5.50ea.	Doves	4.00 - 6.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.75 - 3.50ea.	Chukars	1.75 - 4.50ea.
Silgies	2.00 - 2.75ea.	Total Coops Sold	1,060

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 14-APR-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	140	146
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	124-128	125-130
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60-64	63-64
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	61-85	62-71

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 14-APR-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	107-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
WEEK ENDING					
MARCH	8	153.4	155.2	99%	4.94
	15	153.2	156.5	98%	5.23
	22	154.9	155.9	99%	5.09
	29	154.7	155.7	99%	5.07
APRIL	5	158.2	155.4	102%	5.06
	12	154.0	154.3	100%	5.17
YEAR TO DATE	2270.4	2298.5	99%		
APRIL	19	154.5			
	26	156.2			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	04/19/03	04/12/03	% CHG	04/20/02	% CHG
Broilers	145,899	152,185*	-04	158,640*	-08
Cattle	668	646	+03	681*	-02
Hogs	1,888	1,901	-01	1,874*	+01
Under Federal Inspection					
*ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged to slightly higher on heavy canners; mostly unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate. Trading was light. Offerings were in close balance to tight and well cleared at most locations. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)

21-25 MAJORITY 22.5-23	29-35 MAJORITY 31-32
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)

22.5-26.5 MAJORITY 24.75-25	31.5-37 MAJORITY 33.5-34
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LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION Removal values were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were more than sufficient for trade needs. Demand was mostly fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-9	5-7

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs for disposal remained at least unchanged from the past period. Offerings had increased forcing availability to exceed requirements. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were reduced. Removal values were expected to remain unchanged.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values ranged unchanged with majority values unchanged to slightly lower. Offerings were adequate to ample as producers clear spent fowl following the Easter rush. Demand was mostly moderate. Opinions of value were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-8.5	3.0-5.5

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules moderate overall. Offerings continued disrupted by END quarantines.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21 -APR-03

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for the mostly adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted in a range of normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Interest for spent heavy hens was fair. Offerings were at least adequate. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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